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SUBJECT: JAPANESE CONSUMABLE ELECTRODE ARC FURNACES TO
USSR--IL 1203

REF: (A) STATE 105345, (B) OECD PARIS 16337, (C)
COCOM DOC. (76) 321

1. THIS CASE HAS BECOME ONE MORE EXAMPLE OF US DISRE-
GARD OF COCOM RULES. WHEN CASE FIRST CAME BEFORE COM-
MITTEE LAST APRIL, WE AND THE BRITISH PUT VERY MUCH THE
SAME QUESTION: WHAT METALS OR ALLOYS ARE TO BE PRODUC-
ED WITH THIS FURNACE AND WHY ARE THEY NEEDED FOR ELEC-
TRIC GENERATOR ROTORS? (REF A.) THE QUESTION WAS AN-
SWERED ON JUNE L BY THE JAPANESE STATEMENT RECORDED IN
COCOM DOC. (76) 927, DATED JUNE 3, REPORTED ON JUNE 4
BY OUR REF A. ON BASIS OF THE JAPANESE REPLY, THE UK
LIFTED ITS RESERVE JUNE 9, RESERVING RIGHT TO COMMENT
LATER. IN CONTRAST, THE U. S. HAS MAINTAINED ITS RE-
SERVE, WITHOUT STATING FURTHER QUESTIONS, FAR BEYOND
THE DATE OF JUNE L5 WHEN OUR VIEWS OR FURTHER QUESTIONS
WERE DUE. SINCE THEN, USDEL HAS ASKED AND RECEIVED
REPEATED EXTENSIONS OF TIME. ON AUGUST 10, MOST RECENT
DEADLINE FOR OUR VIEWS, JAPANESE DEL GRANTED ANOTHER
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EXTENSION TO AUGUST 17.

2. WHAT IS DELAYING A STATEMENT OF THE U. S. POSITION?
WHAT IS IT IN THE JAPANESE ANSWERS OF JUNE 1 THAT FAILED TO SATISFY OUR EXPERTS, ALTHOUGH THEY SATISFIED THE BRITISH? LEAST WE COULD DO WOULD BE TO LET THE JAPANESE KNOW, AFTER TEN WEEKS OF COGITATION, WHAT SECURITY-RELATED PROBLEM STILL CAUSES US CONCERN. THE FACT THAT THIS IS VACATION TIME IS NO EXCUSE FOR INACTION.

3. REQUEST PROMPT, CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS, BY AUGUST 17
AT LATEST, EITHER GIVING FINAL VIEWS OR PUTTING FURTHER
QUESTIONS IN FRAMEWORK OF COCOM CRITERIA.
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